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Vaccines for Children (VFC) Order Schedule

Providers on the Bi-Monthly schedule will be submitting orders between February 25 and March 5, 2008. Remember to order enough vaccine for all the immunizations you will provide this spring. Your next order will not be submitted until April 25 – May 5, 2008.

Required Documentation for Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

During VFC Site Visits, Immunization field representatives assess a provider's compliance with vaccine storage, handling, and administration guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the VFC program. Field representatives assess many things during site visits, including written documentation. To remain in compliance, providers must be able to show the assessor a written plan for vaccine management that includes: 1) the name/title of a primary vaccine coordinator and at least one back-up staff member; 2) proper vaccine storage and handling; 3) vaccine shipping information (including receipt and transport); 3) procedures for vaccine relocation in the event of a power failure, mechanical difficulty, or emergency situation (emergency plan with a regular review date that is updated to reflect changes in responsible staff); 4) vaccine ordering procedures; 5) inventory control procedures (e.g. stock rotation); and 6) vaccine wastage procedures.

For additional information on the compliance variables field representatives look at during VFC Site Visits, please see the CDC's Site Visit Questionnaire at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/2008-vfc-site-visit-questionnaire.pdf>.

If you have questions about this document, please contact your field representative or the assessment epidemiologist at (317) 233-8857.

NOTE to VFC Tally Sheet Users

Please make sure to fax your Tally Sheets to fax # 317-234-3163.

Local Health Department Site Visits 2008

Local health departments will receive their annual Vaccines for Children (VFC)/Assessment, Feedback, Incentives, and eXchange (AFIX) site visits during the second quarter of 2008 (April through June). While actual visits may occur at any time during this period, Immunization field representatives will export immunization records from CHIRP for all local health departments during the *first two weeks in April*. They will be exporting immunization records of all children born between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2005 and looking at immunization up-to-date status as of December 31, 2007.

If you have questions about this process, please contact your field representative or the assessment epidemiologist at (317) 233-8857.

Frequently Asked Question: Personal Immunization Records

Q: Can ISDH send me my immunization records?

A: The Indiana State Department of Health only has those records that were voluntarily provided to us by immunization providers. We may have only partial records for you, or possibly none at all depending on who your immunization provider was.

To request a record search, you will need to complete and sign the Authorization to Release Immunization Records form (State Form 52665) and fax it to the Immunization Program at the fax number on the form. The Authorization to Release Immunization Records form is available at the Document Center at chirp.in.gov.

Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) TIP

The CHIRP user can set default values for specific fields. If the majority of your clients live in Indiana, you could use Settings/Personal to populate the address field to always read Indiana. To do this, click on the “Settings” option on the main menu. Then select “Personal”. Then click on the area in which you would like to set default field values. Make your selections then click save. These fields will then be pre-populated with the default values you entered. You can change or overwrite the defaults values if you need to.

CHIRP Informational Sessions – New This Year!

CHIRP Informational Sessions are designed for NON-CHIRP users interested in learning more about the benefits of using CHIRP in their facility or practice. The agenda includes A) What is CHIRP; B) Benefits of using CHIRP; C) CHIRP's role in State Funded vaccine; and D) How to enroll in CHIRP.

March 31, 2008
1:00pm – 2:30pm EST
Clarian Arnett South
Greenbush Clinic
2600 Greenbush St
Lafayette, IN 47904

CHIRP User Group Meeting – For *Current* CHIRP Users

This session is designed for CURRENT CHIRP users who are interested in learning about upcoming changes or who have specific questions regarding CHIRP usage. The agenda includes A) System Status; B) Current Issues; C) Upcoming Changes; D) Training – State Funded vaccine management and eligibility; E) Monitoring Data Quality; and F) Questions/Answers

Call (888) 227-4439 or go to the CHIRP.IN.GOV to register.

March 31, 2008
9:30pm – 11:30pm EST
The Kathryn Well Center
415 N 26th St
Lafayette, IN 47904

Contact Us

For questions and comments, please contact the ISDH Immunization Program at:
Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov or 800-701-0704.